

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES
June 16, 2009**

Members Present: Castell, Gadsden, Hughes, Lawrence, Macdonald
Staff Present: Keating

1. ARB #13-2009
 Jade Nail & Spa, (formerly Renaissance), 887 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone
 Proposing front and rear wall signs

James Park- owner presented a proposal for new wall signs on the front and rear of the building. The signs will have forest green wood backboards with metallic gold engraved letters. The front sign will be 1'1" high x 5'10 3/4" long with 7 1/4" high lettering. The rear sign will be 9 3/4" high x 4'2" long with 5 1/2" high lettering. Dave Keating stated the proposed signs are within regulations. The proposal was approved as submitted.

2. ARB #12-2009
 Darien Nature Center, Cherry Lawn Park, 120 Brookside Road, R-1 Zone
 Proposing a two story addition to the existing building

Jacek Bigosinski, PB architects, presented a proposed addition to the south side of the existing Darien Nature Center barn structure. The addition will be built within the sloping bank affording access to the lower level from the east side. It will be located behind existing bushes and will not be visible from the front of the building. The finish materials will match the existing materials and colors of the existing building. Siding will be a combination of wood shingles and vertical wood. The roof material will be of a similar recycled rubber (to appear as slate) as the existing barn. The rear porch will have wood columns set on natural stone walls. The AC condensers on the west side of the addition will be hidden by a 4' wooden fence. The proposal was approved as submitted.

3. ARB #14-2009
 Pear Tree Point School, 90 Pear Tree Point Road, R-1 Zone
 Proposing a new one story multipurpose/gymnasium building on foundation of former gymnasium

Eric Kaeyer, AIA, presented a proposal for a new gymnasium structure in the style of a New England barn with a canopy to connect it to an existing classroom building. The colors will be cream and white to match other existing buildings on the campus. The exterior is to be a cementitious, Hardie "Cedarmill" vertical board and batten system. Windows will be aluminum clad wood as well as a mechanically operated clerestory light monitor. Translucent glass is proposed for the south facing and clerestory windows. The roof will be Timberline "Weathered Wood" asphalt shingles with copper standing seam on the light monitor. The base of the building, 12"-18," will be veneered with a cultured stone, "Veneto Fieldledge Eldorado." The exterior light fixtures proposed are Baselite "Newport" copper shades on arms with a clear coat finish. Being considered is the removal of the existing fence at the entrance and replacement with a low fieldstone wall topped by a white wood (or possibly metal for low maintenance) fence. The proposal was approved with the comments windows should be studied to allow for more interior

light and the barn door height should be looked at in relation to the window heights of the adjacent classroom building.

4. ARB #15-2009
Norwalk Hospital, 85 Old Kings Highway North, OB Zone
Proposing façade changes and one wall sign

Bernic Slavko- owner, Christian Bangert- broker, and Sean McDonnell- Norwalk Hospital, presented a proposal to create a new entrance on the Northwest elevation of the building. The existing berm would be cut and retained with low brick walls to match the brick of the building and a cement walkway and sidewalk be added. The new doors and windows are proposed to match the existing. Two alternative awnings are proposed to span the new entrance, either canvas or metal standing seam in Norwalk Hospital blue. The awning is proposed to include a logo and the words "Medical Offices of Norwalk Hospital" within the front valance area. The board requested the awning (either metal or fabric) be in a matte finish. The proposal was approved with the understanding the applicant will return to the board with details of the awning design, materials and signage.

5. ARB #16-2009
Al Whiting, Ready Imaging, Inc.
1044 Boston Post Road (corner of Corbin Drive, was Exxon and now Sunoco)
Proposing new signage and canopy design to convert to Gulf Brand

Al Whiting presented a proposal to replace the signage on the existing pole from Sunoco to Gulf. The history of the square footage of the sign was discussed. The square footage of the current Exxon sign is 32.66 and the proposed Gulf sign was to be 36 square feet (6' x 6'). The board requested a reduced size and Mr. Whiting stated Gulf also has a 25 square foot sign (5' x 5') which would mean an overall sign height of 14.' The proposed canopy would be 36" high, same as existing, with a 4" band of white, a 1'11" band of blue, a 4" band of white and a 6" band of orange. The board approved the 25 square foot sign and the canopy design.

6. Approval of Minutes
May 19, 2009

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Macdonald